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Foreword

As the Chair of the Organizing Committee for the inaugural East Coast Seminar of the Canadian Petroleum Law Foundation, I am pleased to mark the publication of the papers presented at that Seminar in this special publication of the Dalhousie Law Journal.

The convening of this Seminar reflected the maturity of the petroleum industry offshore Atlantic Canada. The approximately 100 presenters and attendees represented a great breadth of regulatory, in-house counsel and law firm participation from both Western Canada and Atlantic Canada. As a sign of this maturity, the CPLF has now committed itself to the formation of an East Coast section of the Foundation.

For the CPLF, the publication of these papers represents the first collection of a wide range of written source material over the broad spectrum of legal issues in the Eastern Canadian offshore legal regime. These papers will make a significant contribution to the future work of regulators, corporate counsel and practitioners in this industry and the Foundation is proud to have been able to initiate and bring together this important body of work.

The Foundation is greatly appreciative of the dedicated work of the presenters who prepared and delivered these important papers at the inaugural Seminar. The Organizing Committee also extends its great appreciation to Liz Bhar in the burdensome task of soliciting the papers, arranging their final editing and then their publication.

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